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Dear Chairman Conyers, Ranking Member Smith, Acting Chairman Levin, and Ranking Member Camp:


In light of the recent attempted terrorist attacks on New York's Times Square and Northwest Flight 253, it is essential that we examine our national security strategy to ensure that we have all the tools, resources, and legal authorities necessary to keep Americans safe and successfully combat the terrorist threat. As part of that review we urge the Committees of jurisdiction to consider passing *H.R. 3375, the Stop White-collar Assistance to Terrorists (SWAT) Act*, which, if enacted, would provide an effective tool to help fight terrorist financing. We believe that this is an important bill to update our nation's laws to respond to today's terrorist threats.

The SWAT Act would increase the statutory maximum prison sentence for certain white-collar crimes when committed to facilitate terrorism. Unlike the federal statutes covering document and identification fraud, which were amended in the wake of 9/11 to include increased penalties when the fraudulent acts are committed to further an act of terrorism, the current federal criminal code does not distinguish between white-collar crimes perpetrated for personal financial gain, and those committed to facilitate terrorist activities. The SWAT Act would establish a punishment that fits terrorism-motivated white-collar crimes and would give Federal prosecutors additional tools to aggressively pursue those who finance terrorism. The legislation would also direct the United States Sentencing Commission to review and amend the relevant sentencing guidelines and policy statements in order to reflect the intent of Congress that such penalties be increased in comparison to those currently in place.

As former prosecutors, we are committed to ensuring those who facilitate terrorism receive the toughest punishment possible. The SWAT Act ensures that supporters of terrorism bear a sentence that actually fits the severity of their offense. We urge you to consider H.R. 3375 and we look forward to working with you to help keep our nation safe and secure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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